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	Examiner Name	T. McKelvey
Title: Generation of Large Genomic Deletions		

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 4, 2001.

The Applicants Elect Group I with traverse.

The Applicants respectfully request that Groups I and II be rejoined for prosecution in the present application for the following reasons.

The claims of Group I are directed to a specific method of producing a cell, while the claims of Group II and III are directed to the cell produced using the claimed method. As such, the claims are very much related to each other in that a common element in all of the claims is the method employed to produce the cell. As such, the Examiner will not have an undue search burden in conducting the prior art search for these three groups of claims, as the Examiner will find all relevant references for Group II in searching the elected Group I. In other words, all of the relevant prior art for Group II will be found in the search for Group I because all of these groups require the practice of the claimed method of group I.

Finally, the Applicants would like to point out that the Examiner did search Groups I and II together in the prosecution of the parent application that matured into United States Patent No. 5,998,209. As such, any search now performed can build on the search already performed in the parent, and therefore searching Groups I and II together should not pose an undue burden on the Examiner.

For the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to search and examine Groups I and II in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

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